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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): PARTHASARATHY et al.) Group Art Unit: 1651
Serial No.: 09/841,264)
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Filed: 24 April 2001)
For: BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE PROCESSING METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS
THAT INCLUDE SURFACTANTS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 8 April 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 46, 49, and 50. The amended claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims are provided in Appendix A).

46. **(Amended)** A device for use in thermal processing, the device comprising:
a substrate comprising first and second major surfaces;